



## OUTREACH NOTICE KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST TUSAYAN RANGER DISTRICT

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### **GS-0462-05/06/07, FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (RECREATION)** **TUSAYAN RANGER DISTRICT, KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST** **REPLY BY January 18, 2011**

#### **About the Position:**

The Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts are currently seeking a permanent seasonal GS-0462-5/6/7 South Zone Recreation Technician located in Tusayan, AZ. This position will be filled utilizing the Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) process. Interested applicants must apply to government-wide announcement PERM-OCR-0462-5/6/7-REC-G or DEMO announcement PERM-OCR-0462-5/6/7-REC- DP to be considered. This position may be filled the 5/6/7 grade level with a promotion potential at the GS-7 level. A Referral List will be requested shortly after January 18th, 2011.

The incumbent will be responsible for assuring District recreation sites and areas are operated and maintained in accordance with established operations and maintenance plans; inspecting recreation areas and areas of concentrated public use for compliance with management plans, public health and safety requirements, special use permits for compliance with permit terms and conditions; performing routine policing and maintenance at dispersed recreation sites; developing a volunteer/partnership program; and supervises two seasonal employees. The incumbent will be responsible for performing Forest protection officer duties, including making compliance contacts, issuing warnings and violation notices for forest offenses.

The incumbent will provide forest visitors detailed information about recreation opportunities, and explain USDA Forest Service rules and regulations, and will provide information on resource management practices and current conditions. The incumbent also collects, compiles, and summarizes information for recreation, wilderness, and trail data management systems.

The incumbent will be responsible for participating in the maintenance of District trails and trailheads, completing trail logs and trail condition surveys, and inventorying and maintaining signs.

#### **About the Kaibab National Forest:**

The Kaibab National Forest is one of the six National Forests in Arizona, covers roughly 1.6 million acres, and is located immediately adjacent to both the north and south rims of Grand Canyon National Park. The Forest is composed of three Ranger Districts, and is headquartered in Williams, AZ.

The Kaibab operates as two Zones. The South Zone is south of the Grand Canyon and includes the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts. The Supervisor's Office and the Williams Ranger District Office are located in Williams, AZ., and the Tusayan Ranger District is located 50 miles north in Tusayan, AZ. The North Zone is located north of the Grand Canyon and includes the North Kaibab Ranger District.

The South Zone lies on the southern end of the Colorado Plateau, and is a relatively flat with interspersed volcanic hills and peaks, and rugged canyons on the south end near the Mogollon Rim. Elevations range from 4500 feet to just over 10,000 feet. Primary vegetation types include pinyon/juniper woodlands and extensive ponderosa pine forests.

On the south end of the forest, the Williams Ranger District is adjacent to the Coconino and Prescott National Forests, and to the Navajo Army Depot (Arizona National Guard). Square in the middle, Tusayan Ranger District is bordered by the Havasupai Reservation to the west, Grand Canyon National Park immediately north, and the Navajo Reservation to the east. Just north of the forest boundary on the North Kaibab Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management public lands are managed by the Arizona Strip Field Office.

### **About the Districts:**

The Tusayan Ranger District is 50 miles to the north and is immediately adjacent to the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park and covers approximately 300,000 acres. The Tusayan District Office is located in Tusayan, AZ (50 miles north of Williams, AZ. on Highway 64). The Tusayan District has 3 developed recreation sites including one large Forest Service fee campground, and several system trails including portions of the Arizona Trail and the Great Western Trail.

The Williams Ranger District covers approximately 600,000 acres of National Forest land and has 16 developed recreation sites and a number of dispersed sites, a wide variety of system trails, lead management responsibilities for the 6,510 acre Kendrick Mountain Wilderness and a portion of Sycamore Canyon Wilderness.

Landscapes across the South Zone include pinyon/juniper expanses, ponderosa pine forests, and open meadows of grass and sagebrush. The Grand Canyon Game Preserve on the Kaibab Plateau was created by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1906, and still has a key focus in the management of the Kaibab deer herd. There are two Wilderness areas, and the Arizona Trail passes through two ranger districts as it crosses the state.

The Forest lies in a relatively mild climate zone, with summer temperatures averaging from lows of 50°F at night to highs of 85°F during the day. Winter temperatures average from 20°F to 45°F, with snow being common but generally not staying long. The cool and rainy monsoon season in July and August brings relief from the summer heat via brief and sometimes violent thunderstorms across the Forest. Annual precipitation in the Williams area averages about 22 inches, with an average total snowfall of 70 inches.

The south end of the forest lies within a 3-hour drive of the metropolitan Phoenix, AZ area (current population 3.5 million), within 1.5-hour drive of Flagstaff, AZ area (current population 53,000 and all of the 4-5 million annual visitors to Grand Canyon National Park pass through the forest enroute to that destination. Almost all of the forest lies within Coconino County, the third-largest county in the United States, with the county seat located in Flagstaff, AZ.

More information about the Kaibab National Forest can be found at:  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/>

### **About the Communities:**

Tusayan Ranger District employees generally live on the Forest Service Compound at the Tusayan Ranger Station located approximately 7 miles from the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Some employees may live in the Williams, or Flagstaff, areas however the commute can be over 50 miles. Government housing is available renting from approximately \$300 to \$600 per month. There is very little commercially available housing for purchase or rent in Tusayan. Children attend Grand Canyon Public Schools (K-12) located inside the Park. There are small markets located in Tusayan and Grand Canyon Village, and numerous restaurants from fast food to nice full-service establishments. For larger shopping needs, folks travel to Williams or Flagstaff (55 - 80 miles).

Williams' population is approximately 3,500, offering a rural life-style, post office, churches, doctors, one large grocery store, numerous restaurants, motels, and gas stations. Flagstaff is a full-service community of about 65,000 with a hospital, airport, shopping mall and many other amenities typical of other communities of its size. Primary and secondary public and charter schools are located within the towns of Williams and Flagstaff. Northern Arizona University and Coconino Community College located in Flagstaff offer post high school courses in many different study areas.

Rentals are available throughout the above-mentioned areas—rents range from \$800 to \$1500 a month depending on size and location of home. Homes for purchase are also available throughout, with an average 2-3-bedroom home ranging from \$200,000 and up...depending on size of home and location.

Recreation opportunities include the various scenic and hiking trails at the Grand Canyon, as well as many hunting opportunities for both small and large game such as deer, trophy elk, turkey, squirrel and many others. Small lakes stocked annually with trout and some other species provide fishing opportunities in the immediate area of Flagstaff and Williams. However, within a 2-4 hour drive of the district you can find trophy trout fishing, crappie and bass fishing. Other recreation activities include mountain biking, downhill and cross-country skiing, camping, wildlife viewing, and hiking.

### **For More Information:**

If you would like more information about the Recreation Technician position, please contact Christa Roughan, South Zone Recreation Staff at (928) 635-5619. You can also visit the Kaibab National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/kai/).

### **Application Process:**

The position being advertised through AVUE under open continuous nation-wide announcement number PERM-OCR-0462-5/6/7-REC-G and DP. Announcements are easily accessed through [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). As indicated, please carefully review each vacancy announcement.

Please ensure you select Tusayan as the duty location when applying for this specific position.

Referral lists for this position will be requested shortly after **January 18, 2011**.